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DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0007

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
MAPLE VALLEY OIL ASSOCIATION)
COOPERATIVE) **FINAL ORDER**
)
(105 Front Street, Buffalo,)
North Dakota Facility))
)
RESPONDENT)

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondents are hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondents of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

DATE

February 24, 2005

Alfred C. Smith
Regional Judicial Officer

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Maple Valley Oil Association)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
Cooperative)	
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(105 Front Street, Buffalo)	
North Dakota Facility))	
Respondent.)	

AUTHORITY

1. This Consent Agreement is entered into between Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 ("EPA") and Respondent Maple Valley Oil Association Cooperative ("Respondent") pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Clean Water Act ("the Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), which authorizes the EPA Administrator to issue civil penalties for violations of section § 311(j) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act Amendments of 1990. This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA officials. Complainant and Respondent (hereafter referred to collectively as "the Parties"), by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

2. On July 22, 2004, Complainant issued Respondent an Amended Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Complaint") in the above-captioned action pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), for alleged

violations of section 311(j) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j), and the oil pollution prevention regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. part 112. The alleged violations were identified at an onshore facility owned and/or operated by Respondent located at 105 Front Street, Buffalo, North Dakota. The Complaint proposed a civil penalty for the alleged violations.

3. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint and the Consent Agreement.

4. Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations of the Complaint and the Consent Agreement.

5. Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint or this Consent Agreement.

6. This Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the Parties. Upon incorporation into a Final Order, this Consent Agreement applies to and is binding upon Complainant and Respondent, Respondent's officers, directors, employees, agents and all persons acting under or for Respondent, until such time as the civil penalty required under paragraph no. 9 has been paid. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement.

7. Complainant has verified that Respondent is in compliance with the Act and the implementing regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. part 112 for the facility named in this action.

8. Pursuant to section 311(b)(8) of the Act., 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(8), EPA determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle all the above-captioned action is in the

amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$9,400) after considering the seriousness of the violations, the economic benefit to the violator, the degree of culpability, any other penalty for the same incident, any prior history, Respondent's efforts to mitigate the effects of a discharge, the economic impact of the penalty on the violator, and any other matters as justice may require.

9. Respondent consents and agrees to pay the amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$9,400) to resolve the violations alleged in the Complaint.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

10. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Consent Agreement and for the purposes of settlement to the payment of the above-cited civil penalty.

11. Respondent shall pay the total civil penalty in the amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$9,400) by remitting a corporate, cashier's or certified check, payable to the order of the "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund," within thirty (30) days after Respondent's receipt of a signed final order in this matter, to:

Jane Nakad
Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-UFO)
U.S. EPA Region 8
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80202-2466

The check shall reference the Respondent's name and address, and the EPA docket number of this action.

12. Respondent agrees to mail a copy of the check simultaneously to the following:

Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 8 (8RC)
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80202-2466

and to:

Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney
U.S. EPA Region 8 (8ENF-L)
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80202-2466

13. Respondent agrees and consents that if it fails to pay the penalty amount within the time frame set forth in paragraph 11 above, EPA may assess interest and a late charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) after the first 30-day period and for each subsequent 30-day period, or any portion thereof, until full payment is made.

14. The penalty specified in paragraph 9 above shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal taxes.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

15. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the Act and its implementing regulations.

16. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement shall constitute a breach and may result in referral of the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement of this Consent Agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

17. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by EPA of its authority to seek costs or any appropriate penalty associated with any collection action instituted if Respondent fails to perform pursuant to the terms of this Consent Agreement.

18. Respondent's undersigned representative certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this Consent Agreement and to bind the party he or she

represents to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.

19. The Parties agree to bear their own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.

20. The Parties agree to forward this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer with a request that it be incorporated into a Final Order.

21. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and upon full payment of the agreed-upon amount by the Respondent, shall constitute a complete and full settlement of the specific violations alleged in the Complaints.

SO CONSENTED AND AGREED TO:

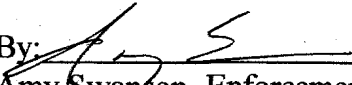
**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8**
Complainant.

By: David J. Janik
Michael T. Risner, Director
David J. Janik, Supervisory Attorney
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Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Date: 11/24/04

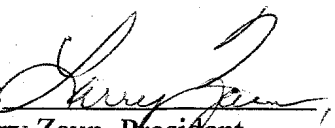
By: Elisabeth Evans
Elisabeth Evans, Director
Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Date: 11/26/04

By: 
Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney
LEGAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Date: 11.23.04

MAPLE VALLEY OIL ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE
Respondent.

By:  Pres.
Larry Zaun, President

Date: 11-3-04

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **MAPLE VALLEY AG PRODUCTS, LLC.; MAPLE VALLEY COOPERATIVE FACILITY, DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0007** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on February 24, 2005.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, U.S. EPA - Region 8, 999 18th Street - Suite 300, CO 80202-2466. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on February 24, 2005, to:

Craig E. Johnson
Johnson, Ramstad & Mottinger
15 South Ninth Street
Fargo, ND 58013


Lora Killoran, Manager
Maple Valley Oil Association Cooperative
P. O. Box 146
600 Michigan Avenue
Tower City, ND 58071-0146

Commander – National Pollution Funds Center
U. S. Coast Guard
Finance Center (OGR)
1430 A Kristina Way
Chesapeake, VA 23326

and hand-carried to:

Judge Alfred C. Smith
Office of Regional Counsel
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80202-2466

February 24, 2005



Tina Artemis
Regional Hearing Clerk